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Applicant: Michael P. Wagner

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this response to the Final Office Action dated September 11, 2002 as a submission in support of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, and requests that this response be entered into the record.

Applicant also hereby expresses appreciation to Examiner To for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on December 23, 2002, during which was discussed the following amendments and their distinguishing features over the prior art of record.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 1-40 without prejudice.